Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4223-S4251

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3304–3309, and S. Res. 495.

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Measures Passed:

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 470, designating July 28, 2012, as "National Day of the American Cowboy", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 495, designating the period beginning on June 17, 2012, and ending on June 23, 2012, as "Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week", and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and the impact such disease has on patients.

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Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund.

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Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act— Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when Senate resumes consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, the pending motion to recommit be withdrawn; that Reid Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2389) be withdrawn; that Reid (for Stabenow/Roberts) Amendment No. 2389 be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; that the following amendments and motions be the only first-degree amendments and motions in order to the bill: Akaka Amendment No. 2440 (highly fractionated tribal lands); Akaka Amendment No. 2396 (tribal relations office); Baucus Amendment No. 2429 (livestock); Bingaman Amendment No. 2364 (multi-state aquifers); Brown (OH) Amendment No. 2445 (rural development); Cantwell Amendment No. 2370 (pulse pilot); Casey Amendment No. 2238 (technical/study-federal milk marketing); Coons Amendment No. 2426 (poultry insurance study); Feinstein Amendment No. 2422 (conservation innovation grants); Feinstein Amendment No. 2309 (insurance recall); Gillibrand Amendment No. 2156 (SNAP); Hagan Amendment No. 2366 (crop insurance-plain language); Kerry Amendment No. 2187 (commercial fishermen); Landrieu Amendment No. 2321 (rural development loans); Manchin Amendment No. 2345 (dietary study); Merkley Amendment No. 2382 (organic crop insurance); Schumer Amendment No. 2427 (acer); Stabenow Amendment No. 2453 (NAP); Udall (CO) Amendment No. 2295 (bark beetle); Warner Amendment No. 2457 (rural broadband); Wyden Amendment No. 2442 (microloans); Wyden Amendment No. 2388 (farm to school); Leahy Amendment No. 2204 (rural development); Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2242 (rural housing); Klobuchar Amendment No. 2299 (transportation study); Carper Amendment No. 2287 (poultry feed research); Sanders Amendment No. 2254 (biomass); Thune Amendment No. 2437 (crop insurance); Durbin-Coburn Amendment No. 2439 (crop insurance); Snowe Amendment No. 2190 (milk marketing order reform); Ayotte Amendment No. 2192 (value added grants); Collins Amendment No. 2444 (dairy); Grassley Amendment No. 2167 (pay cap marketing loans); Sessions Amendment No. 2174 (SNAP); Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2243 (SNAP); Sessions Amendment No. 2172 (SNAP); Paul Amendment No. 2181 (\$250,000 income limit); Alexander Amendment No. 2191 (wind loans); McCain Amendment No. 2199 (catfish); Toomey Amendment No. 2217 (organic/AMA); DeMint Amendment No. 2263 (broadband funding); DeMint Amendment No. 2262 (SoS Free MKT); DeMint Amendment No. 2268 (Loan guarantees); DeMint Amendment No. 2276 (checkoffs); DeMint Amendment No. 2273 (broadband); Coburn Amendment No. 2289 (MAP); Coburn Amendment No. 2293 (Limit Millionaires); Kerry Amendment No. 2454 (North Korea); Kyl Amendment No. 2354 (North Korea); Lee Amendment No. 2313 (Forest Legacy);

Lee Amendment No. 2314 (CSP/CRP cut); Boozman Amendment No. 2355 (Ag research, law info); Boozman Amendment No. 2360 (TEFAP); Toomey Amendment No. 2226 (energy title); Toomey Amendment No. 2433 (sugar); Lee Motion to Recommit (FY 2008 levels); Johnson(WI) Motion to Recommit; Chambliss Amendment No. 2438 (conservation crop insurance); Chambliss Amendment No. 2340 (sugar); Chambliss Amendment No. 2432 (FMPP); Ayotte Amendment No. 2195 (GAO crop insurance fraud report); Blunt Amendment No. 2246 (veterans); Moran Amendment No. 2403 (food aid); Moran Amendment No. 2443 (beginning farmers); Vitter Amendment No. 2363 (pets); Toomey Amendment No. 2247 (paperwork); Sanders Amendment No. 2310 (genetically engineered food); Coburn Amendment No. 2214 (convention funding); Boxer Amendment No. 2456 (aerial inspections); Johanns Amendment No. 2372 (aerial inspections); Murray Amendment No. 2455 (sequestration); McCain Amendment No. 2162 (Sequestration report—DoD); and Rubio Amendment No. 2166 (RAISE Act); that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed alternating between Republican and Democratic sponsored amendments: that there be no amendments or motions in order to the amendments prior to the votes other than motions to waive points of order and motions to table; that there be two minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form in between the votes and all after the first vote be ten minute votes; that Toomey Amendment No. 2247; Sanders Amendment No. 2310; Coburn Amendment No. 2214; Boxer Amendment No. 2456; Johanns Amendment No. 2372; Murray Amendment No. 2455; McCain Amendment No. 2162; and Rubio Amendment No. 2166 be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that the clerks be authorized to modify the instruction lines on amendments so the page and line numbers match up correctly; that upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, be read a third time; that there be up to ten minutes equally divided in the usual form prior to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that the vote on passage of the bill be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold. Pages S4250-51

Boiler MACT/EPA—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission

standards for certain steam generating units; that there be up to four hours of debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that two hours of debate, equally divided, occur on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, and Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, for the remaining two hours of debate; that at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Senate vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. Page S4251

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Fire—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of S. Res. 488 and the preamble thereto, that Stabenow (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2458, to amend the preamble, be agreed to.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–51) Page S4238

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–52)

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 64 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages \$4238-40

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Pages \$4236–38

Amendments Submitted: Pages \$4243-49

Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—122)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$4251.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5952–5958; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 111–112; and H. Res. 689 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3668, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–537);

H.R. 3100, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–538); and

H. Res. 688, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–539).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. Page H3711

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs: H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs;

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Clarifying authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes": H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled

"An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes"; Pages H3712–13

Providing for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah: S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 379; Pages H3714, H3721-22

Modifying a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior: S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 380; Pages H3713-14, H3722-23

East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act: S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District;

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Expressing the regret of the House of Representatives for the passage of laws that adversely affected the Chinese in the United States: H. Res. 683, to express the regret of the House of Representatives for the passage of laws that adversely affected the Chinese in the United States, including the Chinese Exclusion Act; Pages H3715-19

Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act: H.R. 3668, amended, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs; and Pages H3719-21

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2012: H.R. 1272, amended, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3721**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Walz (MN) announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348.

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